

# State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY  
GOVERNOR

## VETERANS DAY

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1921, an unknown World War I American Soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, this ceremony took place in our Nation's Capitol on November 11, giving recognition to the end of World War I on November 11, 1918, at 11:00 a.m.; thus the saying, "the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month; and

WHEREAS, this day became known as Armistice Day paying tribute to veterans of World War I, the war that was to end all wars; and

WHEREAS, since November 11, 1918, our Nation has been involved in many wars, conflicts, and peace-keeping missions to combat acts of terrorism throughout this universe, and still today our nation's military is fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, today we pay a special tribute to our nation's veterans remembering the sacrifices these veterans made keeping our Nation free, honoring those living and remembering those deceased; and

WHEREAS, we can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to the more than 650,000 American service members who died in battle or the 1.4 million people who were wounded; however, we can recognize and thank the 792,000 North Carolina veterans still living today; and

WHEREAS, every Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine, Coast Guardsman, Reservist, and National Guardsman has earned the right of America's gratitude for their valor and sacrifices as this Nation continues the fight against terror on foreign soil as well as defending the homeland; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina fully supports today's military and has a proud heritage of standing up for the freedom of our citizens - always there to answer the call to duty;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, November 11, 2008, as "**VETERANS DAY**" in North Carolina and do call upon veterans in this great state to wear their medals in observance of Veterans Day so that all North Carolinians will have the opportunity to express appreciation for their service. I urge all citizens of the State of North Carolina to join me in honoring the veterans and military on this occasion.



  
MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol on the sixth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.